

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ramon Tarver Davis of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ramon Tarver Davis; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Davis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities, most notably during his seven year tenure as State Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis served with acumen and alacrity as State Treasurer under Governor Frank G. Clement and Governor Buford Ellington, in which position he earned the respect of politicians, professionals and ordinary citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to the growth and prosperity of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born on the 12th of February, 1920, in Wilson County, Mr. Davis was a lifelong citizen of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he valiantly served his country in the United States Military during World War II and was a past post commander of the 6th District American Legion, Clyde O. Bratten, Post 15; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was a former principal of the Dodson, Davis and McClintock Insurance Company and a member of the Board of Trustees of SunTrust Bank of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the Cumberland University Board of Trustees and the Cedar Creek Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Davis had a great spirit of volunteerism and altruism and had previously served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, which he attended faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Gwendolyn Ligon Davis, and was the proud parent of Diana Waters; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving grandfather to Melissa and Chet Mason, and he was much beloved by his sister, Jewell Dodson; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty F. Davis, and by his parents, Norman Tarver Davis and Lela Jewell Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ramon Tarver Davis, former State Treasurer of Tennessee, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and his exemplary career as a public servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Ramon Tarver Davis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.